New Blackboard Features and Updates

Updated Button Behavior

With the new update you no longer have to scroll all the way down to cancel or submit, the cancel and submit buttons will always pin to the bottom of the page regardless of device. It now acts as a floating bar at the bottom of the page when creating items, taking test, submitting assignments, etc.

Drag and Drop Files (full tutorial is [here](#))

When instructors create content items, assignments, and blank pages, they can drag files from their computers to the "hot spot" in the Attach Files area. Students can also drag files to upload when they submit assignments.

## Dropbox Integration (full tutorial is here)

The Dropbox Education integration allows instructors and students to easily link to and upload their Dropbox content into the course. Users can attach files and submit assignments from their personal Dropbox accounts using this new cloud service integration. This allows both instructors and students to save files to their Dropbox and access them to submit them in Blackboard.
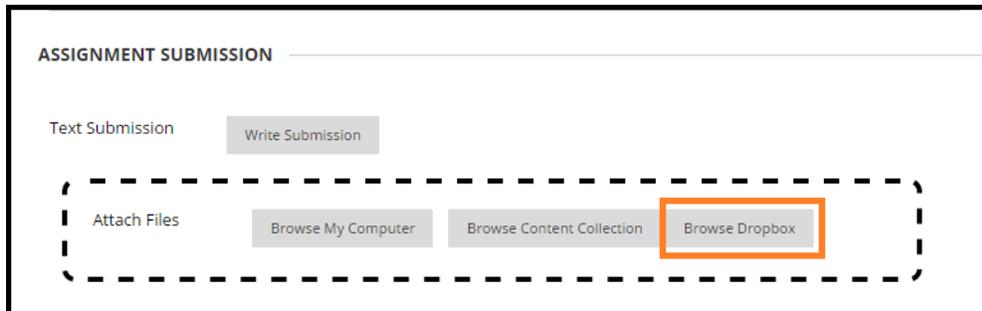
Reminders (full tutorial is here)

Instructors can send email reminders from Grade Center columns to students and members of groups who have missing coursework. Students receive a system-generated email that lists the course, coursework, and the due date if included. Instructors can also send reminders for assignments with anonymous or delegated grading enabled. To protect anonymity, students' names and attempt statuses aren't revealed.
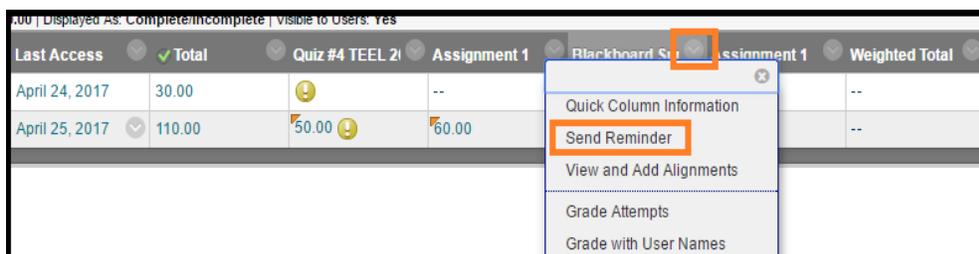
## Submission Confirmation Receipts (full tutorial is [here](#))

Administrators and instructors can keep track of all student submissions, regardless of whether the attempt or assignment is deleted or the submission history is changed. A submission receipt is captured at the time of submission and includes information such as attached file information, date, time, etc. For assignments with multiple attempts, students receive a different number for each submission. This feature provides evidence for academic disputes, giving students assurance about their work.

Instructors can retrieve student receipt information. Go into the grade center and under reports, click on student receipts.
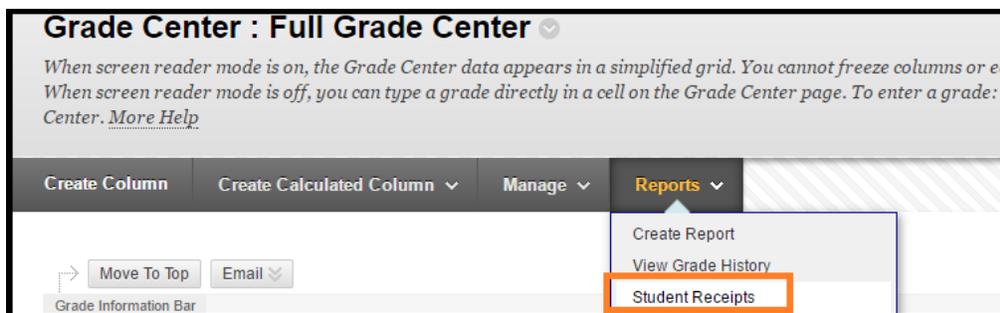
When Students submit an assignment they will receive a confirmation number. Their screen will look like the following:
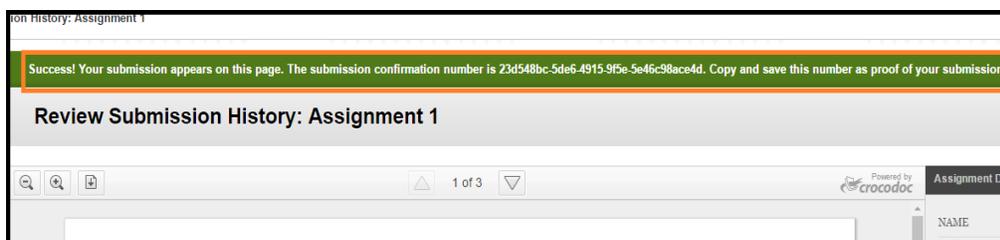
Fewer Needs Grading Items (full tutorial is [here](#))

When multiple-attempt assessments are set to calculate using the first or last attempt, there are potentially numerous other attempts that will never be used for the grade calculation. This can be particularly problematic in anonymous or delegated grading scenarios where it can be difficult to determine which attempts are associated with students and therefore require grading. A new filter is now available both in the Needs Grading workflow as well as within the Grade Center to show or hide these attempts. Attempts that won't calculate towards the assessment grade are now indicated with an icon.

Course Activity Report Enhancements (full tutorial is [here](#))

The Course Activity Overview report has been updated to improve the experience for larger enrollment courses. Instructors can filter the report and break down the calculations of student activity by course groups.